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OF THE

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

OF

PORTLAND,

1880-81.

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PORTLAND, OREGON :

BOOK AND JOB WORKS OF HIMES THE PRINTER.

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1882.

1881.
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DIRECTORS.
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HENRY FAILING,	Term expires 1882
R. H. LAMSON,	" " 1882
W. M. LADD,	" " 1884
PHILIP C. SCHUYLER,	" " 1884
MATTHEW P. DEADY,	" " 1886
H. W. CORBETT,	" " 1886
A. C. GIBBS,	" " 1888
EDWARD S. KEARNEY,	" " 1888
C. H. LEWIS,	" " 1890
M. W. FECHHEIMER,	" " 1890

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OFFICERS FOR 1881.
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PRESIDENT,	MATTHEW P. DEADY.
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TREASURER,	PHILIP C. SCHUYLER.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,	M. W. FECHHEIMER.
LIBRARIAN AND RECORDING SECRETARY,	HENRY A. OXER.

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STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1881.
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ON LIBRARY:

MATTHEW P. DEADY, PHILIP C. SCHUYLER, M. W. FECHHEIMER.

ON FINANCE:

HENRY FAILING, C. H. LEWIS, W. M. LADD.

ON ROOMS:

H. W. CORBETT, EDWARD S. KEARNEY, R. H. LAMSON.

THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF PORTLAND was held at the Library Rooms on the evening of Saturday, February 5, 1881—the President, the Hon. Matthew P. Deady, in the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The President then read his Annual Report, as follows:

To the Members of the Library Association,

Portland, Oregon:

GENTLEMEN:—

As required by the constitution of the Association, I hereby report to you the “general doings and condition of the society” during the year 1880.

The year has been one of reasonable growth and prosperity, including all the elements which constitute our existence and enable us to accomplish the objects of our organization.

The books of the Association, the annual report of the librarian, Mr. Henry A. Ozer, of the treasurer, Mr. Philip C. Schuyler, and of the finance committee, Messrs. Henry Failing, C. H. Lewis and William M. Ladd, have been carefully examined, and the following details compiled therefrom:

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

At the close of the year 1879 there were 9,525 volumes in the library, and there were added to these during the year

1880, 363 more, 342 of which were purchased at a cost of \$672.64, and 21 given by friends. These additions are classified by the librarian as follows:

Fiction	117	Biography.....	58
History.....	44	Poetry	21
Travels	13	Religion	7
Science.....	60	Bound Periodicals.....	4
Miscellaneous.....	31	Jurisprudence and Government...	8
Total.....		363	

The whole number of volumes in the library—9,872—is classified as follows:

Fiction.....	2,882	Poetry.....	557
History	898	Religion	405
Travels.....	616	Miscellaneous	1,131
Biography.....	1,034	Jurisprudence and Government.	718
Science	962	Bound Periodicals.....	669
Total.....		9,872	

It will be seen from this statement that the number of volumes purchased during the past year is but little more than half as many as were purchased in 1879. But in that year the outlay for that purpose—\$1,195.14—was exceptionally large, and at the end of the year the income of the book fund was overdrawn \$437.78. Desiring as much as possible to avoid the demoralizing habit of being in debt and consuming to-day what belongs to to-morrow, we have limited the expenditure of this fund during the past year, so that with the help of \$200 surplus transferred to it from the general fund, the overdraft is reduced to the nominal sum of \$47.50.

The whole number of books loaned during the year was 18,208, classified as follows:

Fiction.....	14,101	Biography.	881
History	692	Poetry	240
Travels	726	Religion.....	85
Science	467	Bound Periodicals.....	34
Miscellaneous.....	926	Juris. and Gov't.....	56
Total.....		18,208	

This shows an increase of 1,313 volumes, or an increase of about 8 per centum on the circulation of 1879, which was 16,895.

During the year, there was received and kept on file in the library rooms, 146 periodicals, ranging in weight and time of publication from the quarterly to the daily. Of these, 116 were American, 22 English, 6 German, 1 French and 1 Colonial. Of the American publications, 66 were published in the Atlantic states, 33 in Oregon, 6 in Washington Territory, 1 in Idaho and 10 in California. The periods of their publications were as follows: Daily, 16; semi- and tri-weekly, 7; weekly, 84; monthly and bi-monthly, 34, and quarterly, 5.

Those published in Oregon, Washington and Idaho continue to be furnished by the publishers free of charge, and the remainder at a cost of \$454.40, against the sum of \$391.85 expended for this purpose in 1879.

In concluding what I have to say under this head I venture to repeat what was said in my report for 1876: "A large and well selected list of periodicals adds very much to the usefulness and attractiveness of a public library and reading room. The fresh and vigorous thought and speculation upon almost all topics of public interest first appears in the columns of the newspaper and magazine. Accordingly, the library committee have always endeavored to make the periodicals a prominent feature of the library. Only a want of means has prevented them from doing more than they have in this direction. In the meantime we earnestly invite all publishers, and particularly those upon this coast, to send us complimentary copies of their publications."

Lists of the publications presented to the Library Association and the periodicals received during the year, marked A and B, are hereto annexed.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership continues to increase with the growth of the place. During the past year 628 persons were members of the Association, for some period of time, not less than a month. Of these, there were perpetual, 55; life, 1; quarterly, 187;

monthly, 371 ; honorary, 14 ; while in 1879 the whole number was 585, consisting of perpetual, 52 ; life, 1 ; quarterly, 175 ; monthly, 344 ; honorary, 13. Dividing the whole amount received during the year—\$2,547.25—from the quarterly and monthly memberships, for dues, by the amount of dues per year for each of such memberships—\$12—gives the yearly average of the quarterly and monthly members for 1880 at 212.27. In 1879 the average was 204.9 and in 1878 it was 190.16. The increase in membership of all kinds during the year 1880 has been 43, of which 3 are perpetual, 1 honorary, and 39 subscribing members ; that is, persons who subscribe and pay dues at the rate of \$1.00 per month for periods not exceeding three nor less than one month.

THE GENERAL FUND.

This fund is derived from the dues received from subscribing members, fines and the sale of material once purchased with it—such as old furniture. The receipts and expenditures under this head for the year of 1880 were as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Dues	\$2547 25
Fines.....	101 50
Furniture, sale of.....	8 00
	—————\$2656 75
Balance on hand January 1, 1880.....	124 24
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Total receipts.....	\$2780 99

EXPENDITURES.

Librarian, self and assistant.....	\$1500 00
Gas.....	318 00
Furniture.....	144 94
Janitor.....	144 00
Insurance.....	138 50
Collector.....	48 00
Fuel.....	44 00
Himes (printing President's report).....	62 00
Advertising.....	30 00

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Howe (36 portfolios).....	\$ 24 00
Walling (printing).....	20 00
Gill (stationery).....	12 95
Ice	11 50
Postoffice.....	10 00
Hexter & May (repairing skylight).....	6 28
Stamps.....	5 75
Newswrappers	2 50
Scavenger	5 00
Walter Bros. (dust brush).....	4 00
Lundin (repairing windows).....	1 00
Miscellaneous.....	5 50
Transferred to income of book fund.....	200 00
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Total expenses.....	\$2738 32
Total receipts.....	2780 99
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Balance on hand.....\$42 67

On December 31, 1879, the condition of this fund was as follows :

Cash on hand as per report of treasurer.....	\$365 49
Outstanding warrants as per report of finance committee....	\$241 25
Reserved salary of librarian.....	100 00
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	341 25
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Balance in fund.....\$ 24 24

And on December 31, 1880, as follows :

Cash on hand as per report of treasurer.....	\$ 42 67
Reserved salary of librarian.....	100 00
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Liability of fund\$ 57 33

THE CATALOGUE OR PRINTING FUND.

The foundation of this fund is a subscription of \$932.50, raised in 1878 for the purpose of publishing 600 copies of a catalogue and 500 copies of the amended constitution and compiled reports, and the expense incurred thereby was \$990.80, leaving a deficit of \$58.30, upon which has been applied the amounts received from the sales of catalogues as

follows : In 1878, \$11 ; in 1879, \$22.75 ; and in 1880, \$14.25. On Dec. 31, 1880, the fund was overdrawn \$6.30.

The sales of the catalogue, although commenced at the very reasonable price of one dollar apiece, and afterwards reduced to seventy-five cents, have not equalled the expectations entertained when the publication was undertaken. But, yet, it has been of advantage to the library in helping to make its contents better known, as well as in stopping the clamor of those who, before that, were always complaining of the want of a catalogue of which they have not yet found time to purchase a copy.

THE INCOME OF BOOK FUND.

The receipts and expenditures of this fund during the year were as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Interest on book fund.....	\$1331 50
Books, sale of.....	14 30
Newspapers, sale of	19 02
Donation from Mr. Charles Lancaster.....	5 00
Transfer from general fund.....	200 00
Total	<u>\$1569 82</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books, cost of.....	\$ 672 64
Periodicals, cost of.	454 40
Bookbinding.....	52 50
Total	<u>\$1179 54</u>
Outstanding warrants January 1, 1880.....	\$401 71
Overdraft January 1, 1880.....	36 07
	<u>437 78</u>
	\$1617 32
Liability of fund.....	47 50

On December 31, 1879, the condition of this fund was as follows:

Outstanding warrants, as per report of finance committee.....	\$401 71
Overdraft, as per report of treasurer.....	36 07
Liability of fund.....	<u>\$437 78</u>

And on December 31, 1880, as follows:

Overdraft, as per report of treasurer.....\$47 50

It will be seen that during the year, by economy in the purchase of books and the help of \$200 from the general fund, we have been able to discharge \$390.28 of the indebtedness of this fund; but economy in this direction is not of itself desirable, and can only be practiced at the expense of the general usefulness of the library. To do so, as was said in my last report, "We must deny our readers the benefit of some pleasant or instructive book that we ought to and otherwise could furnish them. But the true remedy is to increase the book fund. To-day, it ought not to be less than \$20,000, and we can easily make it so if we only will." And I am glad to add that since then it has been increased \$1,000.

THE BOOK FUND.

So far, this fund is made up of the proceeds arising from the sale of perpetual memberships. It commenced in 1876 with the sale of forty-six memberships. In 1877 two more were disposed of and in 1878 three. In 1879 the fiftieth one was sold and the fund was raised to \$13,000. During the past year three more have been disposed of and paid for—one to Mr. Ellis G. Hughes; one to Gov. D. P. Thompson; and one to Capt. George J. Ainsworth. A fourth one was actually sold during the year to Mr. S. G. Skidmore, but the transaction was not closed in time for the accounts of 1880, although it has since been paid for.

The fund therefore appears in the accounts and reports for the year as amounting to \$13,750, but it really now amounts to \$14,000.

So long as this fund can be kept up or rather ahead of the growth and prosperity of the place, the prosperity and usefulness of the library are reasonably assured. Experience has shown that the receipts from dues paid by subscribing members can be relied upon to meet the ordinary running expenses of

the library—provided, its shelves and tables are regularly supplied with a fair share of good reading and information of the day ; and this cannot be accomplished without a sufficient income from the book fund. As was said in my last report, “Let every member and friend of the Association resolve to aid this undertaking by obtaining a subscriber for a perpetual membership during the coming year. This stock though not upon the books of the brokers of Pine or Wall streets, is marked high in the catalogue of good works, and will pay dividends when the bonanzas are only remembered as a feverish dream.”

The condition of this fund on December 31, 1879, was as follows:

Loaned on note and mortgage at 10 per cent. per annum.....	12,000 00
Balance due on subscribers' notes at 10 per cent. per annum.....	1,000 00
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Total.....	\$13,000 00

And on December 31, 1880, was as follows:

Loaned on note and mortgage at 10 per cent. per annum.....	\$13,400 00
Balance due on subscribers' notes at 10 per cent. per annum.....	350 00
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Total.....	\$13,750 00

THE HOME FUND.

This fund has not been increased except by the interest derived from it, since the sum of \$9,215 was subscribed to it in 1873. Additional subscriptions ought to be made to it every year, for the time will come, and that comparatively soon, when we must have a home of our own, which implies an outlay of at least \$50,000. And in the meantime, as was said in the president's report for 1879, “it ought not to be forgotten that there is a sort of an implied understanding that, while Mr. Ladd furnishes the library with a home free of rent, the friends of the same would from time to time make substantial contributions to this fund.”

On December 31, 1879, this fund amounted to \$13,717.59,

exclusive of interest earned but not collected, of which \$962.11, represented interest earned during the year; and the condition of it on December 31, 1880, was as follows:

Loaned on note and mortgage at 10 per cent. per annum.....	\$14,600 00
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	505 26
Total.....	\$15,105 26
Showing an increase from interest during the year of.....	1,387 67

ASSETS.

On December 31, 1879, the assets of the association were as follows :

Books, cost of.....	\$14,476 60
Furniture.....	2,589 86
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	\$17,066 46
Deduct for wear and tear one-third.....	5,688 82
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	\$11,377 64

Home fund.....	13,899 53
Book fund.....	13,000 00
General fund.....	24 24
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Total.....	\$38,301 41

Deduct indebtedness—

Income of book fund.....	\$437 78
Catalogue	20 55 458 33
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Net assets.....	\$37,843 08

And on December 31, 1880, as follows:

Books, cost of.....	\$15,149 24
Furniture.....	2,734 80
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	\$17,888 04
Deduct for wear and tear one-third.....	5,961 34
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	\$11,922 70

Home fund.....	15,105 26
Book fund	13,750 00
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Total.....	\$40,777 96

Deduct indebtedness—

General fund.....	\$57	33	
Income of book fund.....	47	50	
Catalogue fund.....	6	30	111 13
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Net assets	\$40,666	83	

This shows a gain during the year of \$2,823.75 against a gain in 1879 of \$2,339.22.

ROOMS.

The rooms of the Association have been much improved during the year by the purchase of new chairs—the removal of the railing from the east end of the book room and extending the shelving throughout the length of it—the removal of magazine table and newspapers therein to the corner room, and the fitting up of the west room as a newspaper as well as a chess room. The total cost of these additions, changes and improvements was \$144.94.

In addition to this, two of Hayes' patent skylights have been put in the roof of the building in place of the old ones, which leaked badly—one over the book room and the other over the stairway leading from the street—at a cost of \$183; for which we are indebted to the generosity of Mr. C. H. Lewis.

Through the agency of one of the Directors, Mr. E. S. Kearney, a handsome, life-size oil painting, by W. Coggsell, of Gen. Joseph Lane, the first United States Governor of Oregon, and for many years Delegate and Senator in Congress from the State, was purchased by subscription for \$200 and presented to the Association. This is a good beginning of what is hoped will at some not distant day constitute "the library gallery" of Oregon's worthy pioneers and distinguished and useful citizens.

The subscriptions for the purpose are as follows: Henry Failing, H. W. Corbett, C. H. Lewis, William M. Ladd and E. S. Kearney, \$30 each; R. H. Lamson, \$15, and Philip C. Schuyler and Matthew P. Deady \$5 each.

OFFICERS.

There has been no change in the Directors since the last annual meeting. Mr. Philip C. Schuyler continues to act as the

Treasurer of the Association, and Mr. M. W. Fechheimer as Corresponding Secretary. Mr. Henry A. Oser is still employed as Librarian and Recording Secretary. His assistant, Mr. Charles H. Woodward, after a period of very acceptable service, was obliged to resign on account of his health. Mr. Cecil Holcomb has been employed in his place with the approbation of the Library Committee.

Hoping that in this brief statement of the affairs of the Association you may find cause to approve of the management of the Directors during the past year, and for an increased interest in the welfare and prosperity of the library in the future, I remain very respectfully yours,

MATTHEW P. DEADY,
President of the Library Association.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5, 1881.

DONATIONS.

The following works were given to the Library during the year 1880:

Curtis C Strong, M. D.—

Proceedings of the Second Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Oregon.

Hon. H. C. Burchard—

Annual Report of the Directors of the Mint for 1875-6-7-8-9.

Alfred E. Whitaker, Esq.—

Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the President, Treasurer and Librarian of the Mercantile Library of San Francisco, 1879.

John Q. A. Bowlby, Esq.—

Annual Report of the President of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce for 1879.

F. M. Crunden, Esq.—

Annual Report of the St. Louis Public School Library, 1879.

Richard Gowing, Esq.—

Financial Reform Almanac for 1880.

Col. G. L. Gillespie—

Illumination and Beaconage of the coasts of France.

The Honorable, the Secretary of the Interior—

Exploration, Colorado River, Powell.

North American Ethnology, Vols. 1 and 3.

Bulletins, Vol. 4 and 1, 2 and 3, Vol. 5. Hayden.

Bulletins, 1 to 5. Entomological Commission.

Rt. Rev. B. Wistar Morris—

St. Helen's Hall—Eleventh Annual Catalogue, 1880.

Pacific University Catalogue.

Hon. Matthew P. Deady—

Commencement Address delivered at St. Helen's Hall by Matthew P. Deady, LL.D.—U. S. District Judge—June 9, 1880.

Prof. T. H. Crawford—

Seventh Annual Report of the City Superintendent of the Public Schools of the City of Portland, Or., June 25, 1880.

Prof. A. J. Anderson—

University of Washington Territory, Seattle, W. T. Annual Register
for 1879-80.

Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale College, June, 1880. Supple-
ment, 1870-80.

W. M. Ladd, Esq.—

Cerebral Hyperæmia. Hammond.

Diseases of Modern Life. Richardson.

Bulletin of the Library Company of Philadelphia, July, 1880.

Gov. W. W. Thayer—

Biennial Message of Gov. W. W. Thayer to the Legislative Assembly
of Oregon, 1880.

Mrs. Thayer—

Biennial Report of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary of the State
of Oregon, 1880.

Alisky & Hegele—

Portland Directory for 1879.

Hon. Henry Failing—

Royal Society Catalogue of Scientific Papers, 8 vols.

F. E. Hodgkin, Esq.—

Messages and Documents of the Legislative Assembly of Oregon,
1878.

Smithsonian Institute—

Miscellaneous Collections, Vols. 16 and 17.

Contributions to Knowledge, Vol. 22.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS FOR 1880.

AMERICAN—DAILIES.

Herald, New York.	Graphic, New York.
Sun, New York.	Tribune, Chicago.
Times, Philadelphia.	Congressional Record, Washington.

SEMI-WEEKLIES.

Tribune, New York.	Times, New York.
World, New York.	Evening Post, New York.
Journal of Commerce, New York.	Inter-Ocean, Chicago.
Journal, Boston.	

WEEKLIES.

Capital, Washington.	Scientific American, New York.
Republican, St. Louis.	Sun, Baltimore.
Churchman, New York.	Commercial, Cincinnati.
Ledger, New York.	Country Gentleman, Albany.
Spirit of the Times, New York.	Law Journal, Albany.
Home Journal New York.	American Architect & Builder, Boston.
Army and Navy, New York.	Christian Register, Boston.
Ill. Christian Weekly, New York.	Waverley, Boston.
Nation, New York.	Courier, Louisville.
Harper's Young People, New York.	Globe, Toronto.
Harper's Bazar, New York.	Republican, Springfield.
Harper's Weekly, New York.	Forney's Progress, Philadelphia.
Leslie's Illustrated, New York.	Picayune, New Orleans.
Chimney Corner, New York.	

MONTHLIES AND BI-MONTHLIES.

Appleton's, New York.	North American Review, New York.
Eclectic, New York.	Atlantic, Boston.
St. Nicholas, New York.	American Law Review, Boston.
Popular Science Monthly, New York.	U. S. Postal Guide, Boston.
Plumber & Sanitary Engineer, N. Y.	Journal of Chemistry, Boston.
Scribner, New York.	Literary World, Boston.
Revue de la Mode, New York.	Lippincott, Philadelphia.
International Review, New York.	United Service, Philadelphia.
Harper's Monthly, New York.	Penn Monthly, Philadelphia.
Wallace's Stock Journal, New York.	Live Stock Journal, Chicago.
Leslie's Lady's Magazine, New York.	Vick's Magazine, Rochester.
Le Bon Ton, New York.	

QUARTERLIES.

Princeton Review, New York. American Church Review, New York.

ENGLISH—WEEKLIES.

Mail, (tri-weekly,) London.	Graphic, London.
Illustrated London News, London.	Pall Mall Budget, London.
Academy, London.	Punch, London.
Saturday Review, London.	Field, London,
Public Opinion, London.	Truth, London.

MONTHLIES.

Belgravia, London.	Art Journal, London.
Cassell's Magazine, London.	Myra's Journal, London.
All the Year Round, London.	Portfolio, London.
Chambers' Journal, London.	Nineteenth Century, London.
Blackwood, Edinburgh.	

QUARTERLIES.

London Quarterly.	Westminster Review.
Edinburgh Quarterly.	

FRENCH—WEEKLY.

L'Illustration, Paris.

GERMAN.

Naechrichten.	Fliegende Blatter,
Gartenlaube.	Ueber Land and Meer.
Deutsche Zeitung, Portland.	Staats Zeitung, Portland.

OREGON—DAILIES.

Oregonian, Portland.	Telegram, Portland.
Standard, Portland.	Bulletin, Portland.
Statesman, Salem.	Astorian, Astoria.

WEEKLIES.

Commercial Reporter, Portland..	New Northwest, Portland.
Pacific Christian Advocate, Portland.	Welcome, Portland.
Catholic Sentinel, Portland.	Willamette Farmer, Portland.
Sunday Mercury, Portland.	Guard. Eugene City.
Itemizer, Dallas.	State Journal, Eugene City.
Gazette, Corvallis.	Coos Bay News, Marshfield.
Mountaineer, Dalles.	East Oregonian, Pendleton.
Democrat, Albany.	Sentinel, Jacksonville.
Herald, Albany.	Times, Jacksonville.
Register, Albany.	Bedrock Democrat, Baker City.
Courier, Lafayette.	Enterprise, Oregon City.
Yamhill Reporter, McMinnville.	Leader, Weston.
Vindicator, East Portland.	Columbia Churchman, Portland.
Republican, La Grande.	

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—WEEKLIES.

Puget Sound Courier, Olympia.	Union, Walla Walla.
Transcript, Olympia.	Statesman, Walla Walla.
Intelligencer, Seattle.	Watchman, Walla Walla.

IDAHO TERRITORY.

Avalanche, Silver City.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Colonist, Victoria.

CALIFORNIA—DAILIES.

Bulletin, San Francisco.	Chronicle, San Francisco.
Examiner, San Francisco.	Record-Union, Sacramento.

WEEKLIES.

News Letter, San Francisco.	Argonaut, San Francisco.
Scientific Press, San Francisco.	Hebrew Observer, San Francisco.
California Farmer, San Francisco.	

MONTHLY.

Californian, San Francisco.

